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# **Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board**

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July 19, 2001

Honorable Spencer Abraham  
Secretary of Energy  
DOE Headquarters, Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

## **Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board Objections to Reductions in the DOE FY 2002 Federal Budget for the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Program**

Honorable Secretary Abraham:

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) recently received the enclosed budget summary. This summary suggests that only minimal funding will be made available to continue ongoing Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management remediation activities and no funding will be provided in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 budget to pay for any of the new initiatives necessary for the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue to comply with the milestones specified in the Federal Facility Agreement for the Reservation.

These budgetary actions will have severe negative impacts on the Oak Ridge Reservation remediation activities and constitute a serious betrayal of the trust placed in DOE by the Oak Ridge community. The ORSSAB recommends full funding for the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Program for FY 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther V. Gibson, Jr.".

Luther V. Gibson, Jr.  
Chair

Enclosure

July 19, 2001

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cc: (w/enc.)     David Bradshaw, Mayor, City of Oak Ridge  
                     Paul Boyer, City Manager, Oak Ridge  
                     Rep. Gene Caldwell, Tennessee State House of Representatives  
                     William Crisp, Blount County Executive  
                     Leah Dever, Manager, DOE-ORO  
                     Rep. John J. Duncan, U.S. House of Representatives  
                     U. S. Senator, Bill Frist, U.S. Senate  
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                     Pete Jennings, Meigs County Executive  
                     Tommy Kilby, Morgan County Executive  
                     Rex Lynch, Anderson County Executive  
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                     George Miller, Loudon County Executive  
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                     Thomas Schumpert, Knox County Executive  
                     Donald Sundquist, Governor, State of Tennessee  
                     U. S. Senator, Fred Thompson, U.S. Senate  
                     Rep. Zach Wamp, U.S. House of Representatives  
                     Jimmy Wilkey, Rhea County Executive  
                     Kenneth Yager, Roane County Executive

# FY 2002 President's Request Budget Summary for DOE EM ORO & ORR (\$000s)\*

<u>Site</u>	<u>Total FY 2002</u>	<u>Total FY 2001</u>	<u>Change</u>
ETTP	\$118,505	\$151,500	\$(32,995)
ORNL	\$ 54,939	\$ 98,700	\$(43,761)
Y-12	\$ 43,541	\$ 42,000	\$ 1,541
Waste Disposition	\$ 86,468	\$ 86,700	\$( 232)
Other	\$ 19,004	\$ 23,800	\$( 4,796)
Conversion	\$ 10,000	\$ 21,000	\$( 11,000)
<b>OR Subtotal</b>	<b>\$332,457</b>	<b>\$423,700</b>	<b>\$( 91,243)</b>
Paducah	\$ 72,982	\$ 86,300	\$( 13,318)
Portsmouth	\$201,096	\$ 87,900	\$ 113,196
Weldon Spring	\$ 43,000	\$ 53,000	\$( 10,000)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$317,078</b>	<b>\$227,200</b>	<b>\$ 89,878</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$649,535</b>	<b>\$650,900</b>	<b>\$ (1,365)</b>

\*Note: excludes privatization and safeguards and security.

## FY02 President's Budget for DOE EM ORR

### Ē Fully funded

- C Infrastructure/S&M
- C Pre-existing Liabilities
- C Waste Operations/Storage
- C Budget Challenges/Litigation/Liabilities\*
- C Mixed LLW Disposition (STP Milestones)
- C TRU Program
- C EMWMF Operations

### Ē Partially funded

- C MSRE
- C BNFL (K-29/31/33 D&D)

\*Note: not included in President's budget.

## FY 2002 President's Budget Issues & Impacts

### È National Impacts & Issues

- Ç Overall EM budget reduction of 5.5% was not distributed evenly across the complex; EM budget was prioritized on the basis of reducing high-risk activities and maintaining closure at key sites.
- Ç Lower risk/lower priority environmental restoration activities (soil and ground water remediation) at most sites will be deferred.
- Ç Deactivation and decommissioning of excess facilities at most sites is curtailed. This will prolong mortgage costs.
- Ç Infrastructure at most sites will continue to degrade. This will lead to future maintenance costs and increased safety concerns.

### È ORR Remedial Actions Impacted

- Ç ETTP - stopped
- Ç ORNL - stopped
- Ç Y-12 - stopped
- Ç Offsite - stopped
- Ç EMWMF - waste loading eliminated
- Ç Decision documents - stopped

### È ORR D&D Impacted

- Ç ETTP - stopped (except BNFL at significantly reduced levels)
- Ç ORNL - stopped (except MSRE at significantly reduced levels)

### È Adverse Budget Consequences at ORR - Summary

- Ç Eliminates most ER work at Oak Ridge
- Ç Cuts will exacerbate Tennessee's concerns about state equity
- Ç Funding for BNFL is reduced, thereby delaying completion
- Ç All other decommissioning projects are delayed
- Ç Significant amounts of planned soil and ground water remediation at Y-12, ORNL, and ETTP are being deferred.

## Potential Impacts of FY 2002 DOE EM Budget Reductions on ORR Cleanup

### FY 2002 PLANNED WORK

#### Continuing Work

Base Operations  
 Legacy MLLW Disposition  
 TRU Treatment Contract Support  
 EMWMF Operations  
 BV Corehole 8 Plume Source  
 BV Metal Recovery Facility  
 K-1070 C/D G Pit and Concrete Pad  
 K29/K31/K33  
 MSRE D&D  
 ETPP Main Plant Area Facilities D&D  
 ORNL Main Plant Surface Impoundments  
 BV Inactive Tanks & Pipelines  
 ORNL Small Facilities D&D  
 Spent Nuclear Fuels  
 BCV S-3 Ponds  
 Reduction of Mercury in Plant Effluents

#### New Work

ETTP K-1070-A Contaminated Burial Ground  
 ETPP Powerhouse Area RA  
 ETPP K-25/K-27 Buildings D&D  
 ETPP Balance of Site Facilities D&D  
 ETPP Zone 1 ROD  
 ETPP K-770 Scrap  
 ETPP Zone 2 ROD  
 ETPP Release Areas  
 ETPP K-31/K-33 Rabbit Ears Facilities D&D  
 ORNL Burial Grounds SWSA 4  
 MV Hydrofracture D&D (NHF)  
 BV Groundwater Action  
 ORNL Soils & Sediments  
 MV TRU Waste Disposal Sites  
 MV Hydrofracture D&D  
 ORNL Non-HF Well P&A  
 BCV Boneyard/Burnyard  
 Atomic City Auto Parts  
 David Witherspoon, Inc. 901 Site  
 David Witherspoon, Inc. 1630 Site  
 BCV ROD - Phase 1  
 UEFPC ROD - Phase 1  
 UEFPC In-situ Remediation - Line Yard

### FY 2002 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

#### Continuing Work

Base Operations  
 Legacy MLLW Disposition  
 TRU Treatment Contract Support  
 BV Corehole 8 Plume Source  
 BV Metal Recovery Facility  
 K-1070 C/D G Pit and Concrete Pad

#### Reduced Work

K29/K31/K33 (partially funded)  
 MSRE D&D (partially funded)  
 EMWMF Operations (lack of volume)

#### Eliminated Work

ETTP K-1070-A Cont. Burial Ground  
 ETPP Main Plant Area Facilities D&D  
 ETPP Powerhouse Area RA  
 ETPP K-25/K-27 Building D&D  
 ETPP Balance of Site Facilities D&D  
 ETPP Zone 1 ROD  
 ETPP K-770 Scrap  
 ETPP Zone 2 ROD  
 ETPP Release Areas  
 ETPP K-31/K-33 Rabbit Ears Fac. D&D  
 ORNL Main Plant Surface Impoundments  
 ORNL Burial Grounds SWSA 4  
 MV Hydrofracture D&D (NHF)  
 BV Groundwater Action  
 BV Inactive Tanks & Pipelines  
 ORNL Soils and Sediments  
 MV TRU Waste Disposal Sites  
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